Reservation for OBCs in Educational and Professional Institutions

3608. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any provision of reservation for OBCs in educational and professional institutions including Medical and Dental Colleges;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) A proposal for providng reservation to OBCs in the educational and professional institutions under the Central Government is under consideration of the Government.

Screening of applications by NCBC

3609. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes screens all applications for recognition as Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending before the NCBC presently;

(c) the number of applications pending from Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of such applications from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) In terms of sub-section (1) of section 9 of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) examines requests for inclusion and hears complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any backward class in the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

(b) As on date requests of 538 castes/communities/sub-castes/synonyms for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs are with the NCBC.

(c) There are 21 requests form Andhra Pradesh.

(d) These relate to inclusion of castes/sub-castes/communities/synonyms and amendment of existing entry in the Central List of OBCs in respect of Andhra Pradesh.

District rehabilitation centre for Disabled in Cuddapah Andhra Pradesh

3610. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a District Rehabilitation Centre in Cuddapah district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any survey has been done to assess the number of disabled people in Cuddapah; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) There is no proposal to establish a District Rehabilitation Centre in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No survey was done to assess the number of disabled people in Cuddapah district.

(c) Question does not arise.